



The speakers discussing how technology is increasingly becoming integrated into daily life, and the unique opportunities this presents for people with practical ICT skills such as young SIT graduates.



The panellists for the evening (from left), Mr Eddie Chau, Mr Ken Soh and Ms Angela Wu regaled the crowd with colourful quips and anecdotes, as they shared their perspectives on the evolving ICT industry and the journey ahead for young graduates.



Prof Tan Thiam Soon (eighth from left), President, SIT, and representatives of SIT together with the industry mentors. The mentors are: Mr Howie Lau, Chief Industry Development Officer (Industry Development), Info-communications Media Development Authority (third from left); Mr Peter Moore, Regional Managing Director, Amazon Web Services Singapore (fourth from left); Mr Leonard Sim, Director/Head of Presales, APAC, Kaspersky Lab Singapore (fifth from left); Ms Shirley Wong, Managing Partner, TNF Ventures (sixth from left); Mr Eddie Chau, Co-founding Partner, TNF Ventures (centre); Ms Angela Wu, Threat Intelligence Analyst, VMware (fifth from right); Mr Ken Soh, Chief Executive Officer, Athena Dynamics (fourth from right); Mr Eric Goh, Vice President & Managing Director, Singapore Enterprise Business, Dell EMC (third from right); Mr Rayson Lim, Chief Financial Officer, M.Tech Holdings (second from right).

Inside The SITuation Room

SITizens find mentorship and more from Infocomm Technology leaders and veterans at the first-ever run of The SITuation Room: Dialogue with Leaders for ICT Professionals

When the chance to be mentored by industry veterans came in the form of The SITuation Room, SIT alumni and students from the Infocomm Technology (ICT) cluster wasted no time in signing up.

The SITuation Room has two main segments. The first was a dialogue session held on 27 March 2019 with ICT industry leaders who discussed major trends and challenges in the field. The main speakers for the evening were Mr Eddie Chau, Co-founding Partner of tech start-up incubator TNF Ventures; Ms Angela Wu, Threat Intelligence Analyst of virtualisation and cloud computing software provider, VMware; and Mr Ken Soh, Chief Executive Officer of cybersecurity firm Athena Dynamics. There was also a networking session which preceded the dialogue, where SITizens got the chance to mingle with leaders and professionals from organisations such as Amazon Web Services, Dell EMC and Kaspersky Lab Singapore. The discussion was moderated by Prof Yaacob Ibrahim, Advisor, Office of the President, SIT.

Mr Darren Lim, Year 2 Information and Communications Technology (Software Engineering) student, said he particularly enjoyed an anecdote by Ms Angela Wu during the dialogue. "I really liked how she shared her life story of having close to zero knowledge in cybersecurity, and working hard until she finally became an expert at it," he said, adding that he felt this spirit of constant improvement could be applied to all domains.

The second segment is an ongoing pilot mentorship programme. Students and alumni are arranged in small groups and mentored by one of the professionals they met during the networking session.

Ms Linette Leow, Year 3 Information and Communications Technology (Information Security) student, is part of a group being mentored by Mr Rayson Lim, Chief Financial Officer of cyber security and network performance solutions company, M.Tech Holdings Pte Ltd. She said: "I think the

mentoring sessions have given me a good opportunity to mingle with someone from the industry and understand how it's like to work outside. Talking with Mr Lim was enjoyable; he encouraged us to not just listen to him but talk about our own lives as well. In the end it became a sharing session where we all got to know each other better."

One of the main things Linette learnt through the session was Mr Lim's advice on handling one's own emotions and working relationships. "He shared that sometimes people express anger at you not because of something you did but because they are frustrated with something else. Instead of venting it back at the person, I also have the option to lend them a listening ear instead. I feel such advice is applicable to both work and everyday life."

The next run of The SITuation Room will be planned for alumni and graduating students from the Engineering cluster. Look out for more updates soon!



Participants smiling at lively exchanges between the speakers and a student.



Mr Howie Lau (extreme right in left photo) and Ms Shirley Wong, (extreme right in right photo) getting to know SITizens during the networking segment of the evening.



Mr Rayson Lim (seated, centre) with students and alumni, enjoying a great night out together during the first mentorship session.